GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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SHIPPING SERVICE IN LAKSHADWEEP
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shipping service between the mainland and the Lakshadweep Island has virtually broken down resulting in serious difficulties to the people of Lakshadweep;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make available new passenger ships for the benefit of the people of Lakshadweep?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Two vessels of 150 passengers capacity each are under construction at Cochin Shipyard Ltd., Cochin and another vessel of 700 passengers capacity is under construction at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Vizag. Further, a long-term perspective plan on shipping requirements of Union Territory of Lakshadweep has been prepared.